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To: BDAC Members

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Subject: Material for Upcoming BDAC Meeting and Informal Educational Session

Attached is a package of information to prepare you for the upcoming BDAC meeting on December 6 and the informal educational session on December 5. The following reviews the logistics for the upcoming sessions:

- **Informal Educational Session** - This session will be held on December 5, 1995 at the Beverly Garland Hotel in Sacramento, CA from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. We will have a dinner for BDAC members from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and then conduct an educational session on the hydrologic and ecological functions of the Bay-Delta system. This educational session will feature a short overview on Bay-Delta hydrology by Lester Snow; a slideshow "tour of the Bay-Delta System" presented by Rita Schmidt Sudman of the Water Education Foundation; a brief presentation by Dick Daniel describing concepts related to ecological health; and a presentation by Pete Rhoads of the Metropolitan Water District, on an ecosystem restoration case study from Florida. This educational session is open to the public. A program description is included in this package as well as a discussion paper on ecosystem health. The objective of this session is to provide a better understanding of ecological concepts and principles especially related to ecosystem health.
- **BDAC Meeting** - The BDAC meeting will be held on December 6, 1995 at the Beverly Garland Hotel in Sacramento, CA from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please note that we are starting the meeting one hour earlier than usual due to the extensive nature of the material we will be covering. The agenda for the meeting is included in this package of material.

The attached package includes the following materials:

- BDAC Meeting Summary -- October 18, 1995;
- December 5 informal educational session program description;

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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- Draft Discussion Paper on Ecosystem Health of the Bay-Delta System, (background for the educational session on December 5);
- Draft agenda for the December 6, 1995, BDAC meeting;
- Preparation for Phase II of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Agenda Item 5a);
- Revised Mission Statement;
- List of Potential Areas for Legislative Involvement (requested at the last BDAC meeting).

There is also a separate package of material for the upcoming CALFED Bay-Delta Workshop #4 to be held at the Beverly Garland Hotel in Sacramento, CA. on Monday, December 4, 1995 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This workshop is entitled "Assembling Alternatives." This workshop material will form the basis of Agenda Item 3 on the BDAC meeting agenda. Please be sure to review this material and bring it to the meeting. You will note that agenda item 3c reads "Example Alternative Formation -- Workshop Format." This implies that we will conduct this agenda item in a workshop type format to facilitate input from BDAC members. It will not, however, mimic the actual CALFED Bay-Delta Program Workshops which are much more interactive. This agenda item is designed to guide BDAC members through the alternative formation process in an abbreviated manner. We would still encourage BDAC members to attend Workshop #4 on December 4 if at all possible to facilitate understanding of the process.

The primary objective for this upcoming BDAC meeting is to ensure that BDAC members understand the process for assembling, evaluating and refining the preliminary alternatives. This process will result in a short list of alternatives that will be refined during the scoping effort and carried forward to the Phase II EIS/EIR environmental documentation.

As noted earlier, the BDAC meeting will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and we hope to finish no later than 4 p.m. We will again serve lunch to BDAC members to minimize the time needed for a lunch break. If you need arrangements for transportation or lodging, please contact Robin Jenkins in our office as soon as possible.

Attachments